

Dragsters Set For Winter Test Next Week End

The smell of burning rubber and explosive fuel combinations will be luring drag racing buffs to the Lions Associated Drag Strip Feb. 25 and 26 as nearly 400 vehicles vie for the Winter Championships.

Opening runs at the 223 St. blacktop will feature single-engine gas dragsters vying for \$500 and top eliminator honors. Sunday, for the first time at the Lions Strip, twin-engine rails will compete as a class.

Both dual and single-engine cars will be eligible to go for the over-all top eliminator spot with an additional \$500 posted.

Some 35 of the nation's fastest gas dragsters will be in the expected array of nearly 400 vehicles including the cream of the mid-west and eastern talent.

Poor Shooting Beats Padres

Poor shooting on the part of the Fermin Lasuen Padres cost them the game in an overtime engagement with St. John Vianney and dropped their Camino Real League rating to 4-4 in a match played at Admiral Leigh last week end.

With the Nobles leading in the third quarter the Padres rallied to tie the score but the aggressive play of Jennings, Wright, and Broom left Lasuen on the short end of the 31-35 score in the three minute post-game hassle. High scorers for Lasuen were Strapp and Gallegos with eight points each.

Lasuen Swim Club Romps Redondo

Fermin Lasuen chalked up another first last week end when their junior varsity swamped Redondo High's varsity and the Cees outstroked the Redondo Bees 42-35 in the Padres initial swim meet.

Of the nine events, Lasuen's junior varsity took six firsts and tied for one other. Lasuen's O'Mahoney was clocked in 1:04.2 in the 100 yard free style, and according to Lasuen coach Frank Gompert, this was outstanding for a neophyte competitor.

Babe Ruth League Continues Sign-Ups

Registration and try-outs for the Torrance Babe Ruth League will continue for the next three Saturdays beginning at 9 a.m., it was announced here yesterday.

Boys 13, 14, or 15 who are interested in participating in the Babe Ruth program are being asked to report to the Del Amo field, Plaza Del Amo near Western Ave. for the Saturday sign-ups.

Lomita Little League Schedules Try-Outs

Tryouts for Lomita Little League are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 18, and the following Saturday, Feb. 25. Scheduled hours are 8-year-olds, 9 to 10 a.m.; 9-year-olds 10 to 11:30; 10-year-olds 11:30 to 1 p.m.; 11-year-olds, 2 to 3 p.m.; and 2-year-olds, 3 to 4 p.m.

Tryouts will be held at Chandler Field on the west side of Narbonne South of Palos Verdes Drive North.

Willie Shoemaker jumped to an early lead in the 1961 jockey race by riding 32 winners at Santa Anita. John Sellers is in second slot with 27 firsts.

Rex C. Ellsworth, a familiar name on past lists due mainly to Swaps, dominated the owners division with \$163,095 in earnings, almost a hundred thousand more than his closest rival, the Kerr Stable. Ellsworth's mainstay, Prove It, accounted for \$132,770 of his owner's earnings to lead the horse's division with Adele Rand's Bourbon Prince, \$39,910, in second place.

Vester R. Wright, perennial leader in the trainer's department, had 11 victories to his credit to lead W. H. Bishop and D. Womeldorf, tied at 10 each.



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